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TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone connection waiting list is long in telephone exchanges at Baramula of Jammu and Kashmir; .

(b) if so, the details thereof, telephone exchange-wise; and

(c) the measures taken to provide telephone connections to the people on the waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The telephone exchange-wise waiting list in Baramula as on 31.10.2001 is enclosed in Annexure.

(c) The following measures are being taken to provide the telephone connections:

(i) Capacity of existing exchange is being enahanced at 12 places.

(ii) Sustained efforts for laying of cables being done, but the progress is very slow due to the reasons given in the Annexure.

(iii) Wireless in Local Loop exchange each of 500 lines have been planned at Baramula, Sopore, Bandipora and Handwara and will be commissioned by March, 2002.

Details for each exchange are given in the annexure.

Annexure

Telephone Exchange - wise waiting List and Steps taken to clear the waiting list in Baramula of Jammu and Kashmir State.

S.No.	Name of exchange	Capcity	Working Connections	Waiting List	Steps taken to clear the waiting list
1.	Baramula	3000	2724	1546	1.5 K expansion of exchange, Execution of work in outdoor plant and Wireless in Local Loop exchange of 500 lines is planned this year.
2.	Fatehgarh	152	101	104	Execution of work in outdoor plant, Expansion of Exchange Capacity.
3.	Gulmarg	184	146	19	Execution of work in outdoor plant, Expansion of Exchange Capacity.
4.	Ghoshbug	152	132	90	Execution of work in outdoor plant, Additional CDOT 256 Planned.

5. Gadkhud 152 135 225 Expansion of Exchange Capacity,
Execution of work in outdoor plant,
6. Kunzer 152 83 184 Execution of work in outdoor plant,
Additional CDOT 256 Planned.

7 Singpora 304 234 65 Work of outdoor plant being undertaken.

8. Uri 184 177 111 Additional CDOT 256 Planned Execution
of work in outdoor plant,

9. Wagoora 152 98 224 Execution of work in outdoor plant,
Additional CDOT 256 Planned.
10. Bandipora 1000 398 641 Work of outdoor plant being undertaken
and Wireless in Local Loop exchange
of 500 lines is planned this year.
11. Gurez 152 71 30 Work of outdoor plant being undertaken.
12. Sopore 3500 1936 1921 Work of outdoor plant being undertaken
and Wireless in Local Loop exchange of
500 lines is planned this year.
13. Sumbal 184 146 218 Execution of work in outdoor plant,
Expansion of Exchange Capacity.
14. Watrigam 152 74 227 Execution of work in outdoor plant,
Expansion of Exchange Capacity.
15. Kupwara 1000 663 305 Work of outdoor plant in progress.
16. Handwara 1000 403 53 Work of outdoor plant in progress and
Wireless in Local Loop exchange of
500 lines is planned this year.
17. Tangdar 184 168 129 Additional CDOT 256 Planned Execution
of work in outdoor plant,
18. Sogam 56 24 114 Expansion of Exchange Capacity
Execution of work in outdoor plant,
19. Trehgam 56 47 249 Additional CDOT 256 Planned Execution
of work in outdoor plant,
20. Pattan 1400 326 219 Work of outdoor plant being undertaken.

Note : Sustained efforts are being made to lay cables to increase the capacity of outdoor plant but progress is very slow due to :

1. Security reasons as works get stopped quite often,

2. Whole area is infested with militancy,

3. It is very difficult to get permission for cable laying,

4. Contractors don`t come forward to execute the work due to prevailing conditions,

5. Adverse weather conditions.